

## THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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The flour mills of the United States represent fixed investments of about \$200,000,000.

An alligator dinner may be well enough provided the alligator is not doing the dining.

What has become of the man who used to be a skeptic about the value of wireless telegraphy?

The value of horses in the United States is estimated at two billions. The auto is not king yet.

Kansas City man undertakes to prove that whisky is not a cure for snake bite. Mean disposition, that man has!

Oklahoma woman has 301 ways of cooking corn. And yet she may not know of one good way to cook parsnips.

In awarding praise for the recent ocean life-saving performance, don't forget the man who invented the water-tight compartment.

In view of Marconi's service to the race, this would not be an opportune time to indulge invidious reference to the people we get from Italy.

Perhaps the wireless telegraph will eventually be our long-hoped-for method of communicating with Mars and other interesting places in this neighborhood.

Apparently we are to have a revival of the old press stories of the stage which have done such yeoman service. Another actress has torn up a bunch of real money in mistake.

The newspapers of Rome publish enthusiastic praise of the heroism of the Russian sailors who landed at Messina to rescue survivors as they could, and recommend that the city of Rome confer medals on them.

Plaster portraits are the fashionable form of "counterfeit presentment" in London. They are done in the form of miniature busts or bas-reliefs at the low price of half a guinea (\$2.50) apiece.

An elephant in New York seized a pitchfork from his keeper's hands and tried to beat him with it. It is to be feared an elephant like this will have to be sent to join the ranks of the

The Illinois man who dropped dead when he was whipping a colt was not overcome by his physical exertions, but by his violent rage. The man who whips a horse is invariably a man with a bad temper not under decent control.

A man in Philadelphia is suing his wife for divorce because she has a soul affinity on another planet. Although he does not explicitly say so in his complaint, every one will naturally infer that his hated rival is the man from Mars.

A remarkable case, unique in the history of all consular corps of the world, is that of the American consul at Gibraltar. Mr. Sprague is the third successive generation of his family to hold the post of consul, his grandfather and his father having held it before him.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not Menelik, head car-kaiser-speaker of Abyssinia, is dead. We should think the simplest way to find out would be to ask him. Of course, he isn't easily approached, but there should be some way of getting the question to him and letting him settle it.

Unlike the creations of the millinery establishments, it fortunately happens that the old hat on the masculine head is reckoned just as good as new by the great majority of mankind. This will help mitigate the embarrassment that would otherwise come from a general and prolonged strike in the hatters' establishments.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency, the Young Men's Christian association had one of its most prosperous periods last year. Eighty-four new buildings, costing \$10,000,000, were opened, and work on as many more is now in progress. As the spirit of co-operation is growing among Christian workers of all denominations, the association is likely to expand more rapidly in the present century than in the last.

Civilization will never achieve the accidentless sea voyage, but the wireless telegraphy comes as near to that end, apparently, as human ingenuity can devise. A half century ago, such results would have been looked on as little less than a miracle. A couple of centuries ago its inventor would have been in danger of the stake as possessed of diabolical power. Yet some people still declare that the world is steadily getting worse in every respect.

## THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE

WHAT THE LAWMAKERS ARE DOING IN JEFFERSON CITY.

Senators And Representatives Are Busily Engaged in Making New Laws.

Jefferson City.—Dr. Allee, senator from Miller county, has introduced a bill which authorizes the state board of health to maintain a suit for injunction to prevent persons from practicing medicine and holding out that they can cure ill and injured persons when the training or character of the healer does not conform to the laws regulating the practice of medicine. The bill is intended to cure a defect in what was known years ago as the "doctors' bill," a law that punished persons for practicing healing if they had no certificate from the state board of health. Dr. Allee also introduced several bills relating to the practice of medicine.

Senator Oliver has introduced a bill to appropriate \$30,000 to create a pension fund for indigent and disabled Federal and Confederate soldiers of the Civil war. The pension applies only to soldiers more than 70 years old and is not to exceed \$10 per month. It seeks to provide for those men not now afforded the protection of State Soldiers' homes.

Representative Lindsay has introduced a pure seeds bill. It seeks to prevent fraud in agricultural seeds. It provided for the weighing and proper labeling of seeds, and fixes a standard of purity.

Senator Stark has introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor to give a check on a bank in which the person making the check has not a sufficient deposit or a credit arrangement to cover the sum amount of the check.

Roach of Camden county has introduced a bill to compel a witness before a grand jury to testify even though the testimony might incriminate himself.

### COUNTIES MAY VOTE AS UNIT.

Passage of the Anti-Saloon League Measure Recommended.

Jefferson City.—The house committee on criminal jurisprudence reported Wednesday without recommendation the county unit local option bill.

The Pemberton bill, which would require a whole county to vote as a unit no matter how large cities it may contain, was reported adversely. The other bill is the Anti-Saloon league measure, and provides that counties shall vote as a unit except that cities of more than 25,000 shall vote separately from the counties.

The committee was not favorable to this measure, but reported the bill out without recommendation as an accommodation to the anti-saloon workers. The action of the committee was something of a surprise.

### A New Prison Warden Named.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Hadley sent the name of Henry P. Audrae to the senate Tuesday morning for confirmation as warden of the penitentiary.

Representative Johnson of Vernon county introduced a bill that shoes made by convict labor, or made in parts of substitutes for leather, be properly stamped and labeled.

The senate committee on criminal jurisprudence has reported favorably Senator Casey's bill against the loan sharks. It provides that only wages that were already earned at the time of the assignment or sale of wages can be collected by the loan shark.

The senate in executive session Wednesday confirmed the appointments of Robert Buckner of Callaway county, Samuel C. Sharp of Montgomery county and F. W. Neidmeyer of Boone county to be trustees of the asylum for the insane at Fulton.

### M. S. U. TO VINDICATE ITSELF.

The Legislature to See Vouchers of All the Expenditures.

Columbia, Mo.—Carrying vouchers to show exactly where every cent of money appropriated for the University of Missouri went, Jerre G. Babb, the secretary, went to Jefferson City to answer a summons before the legislature for an accounting of the expenditure of university funds. The charge of "graft" in traveling expenses of university professors stirred the house a few days ago and resulted in this order of an accounting. Campbell Wells of Platte City and Beverly H. Bonfoey of Unionville, members of the executive board of the board of curators of the University of Missouri, went with him.

Representative Coakley of Kansas City has introduced a bill to prevent the adulteration of linseed and flax seed oils and the deception of the sale of these products. The object of the bill is to fix a standard grade, defining the proportions of the ingredients and the proper labeling of the oils, when offered for sale.

## RECOMMENDS INSURANCE LAWS.

The Last Report of W. D. Vandiver Made to the Legislature.

Jefferson City.—W. D. Vandiver, retiring state superintendent of insurance, has filed his biennial report with the general assembly. It shows that in the last two years fees amounting to \$119,194 and taxes amounting to \$1,031,027.82 were collected. The report also recommends the assembly to pass laws on the following insurance questions:

1. That the law providing for town mutual fire insurance companies be either entirely repealed or so amended as to require a proper test of solvency and annual license and some effective regulation for the protection of policy holders. A repeal of this law would not affect regular mutual companies, farmers' mutuals nor county mutuals, all three of which are doing well.

2. The repeal of Article III, Chapter 118, R. S., Missouri, 1899, permitting the organization and operation of life insurance companies on the assessment plan. This plan of insurance being so thoroughly discredited as to put it in bad repute and many of the states have, therefore, prohibited their further operation.

3. Repeal of Article IV of the same chapter, relating to "stipulated premium" insurance, for the same reasons.

4. The repeal of Article V of the same chapter, relating to industrial and prudential insurance companies; only one company having been organized under this article and the plan was found to be so impracticable that it was abandoned many years ago and thus the whole article seems to be obsolete.

5. Such an amendment to the law designating the securities which a foreign fire insurance company must deposit as to include state and municipal bonds of the state in which the deposit is made.

6. Such an amendment to the life insurance laws as will make it a criminal offense to take premium notes and then discount the sale, thus putting them in the hands of innocent purchasers before any policies of insurance are delivered to the applicant.

7. Such an amendment to the fraternal insurance laws as will require the collection of adequate rates, provide a practical test of solvency and prohibit the organization and transfer of buying and selling of fraternal societies for the profit of the organizers and limit the ratio of expense to income of such societies.

### To Pay Fire Losses Promptly.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Representative Charles Clark of Jackson county has prepared a bill in which he seeks to help the insured to hasten a settlement with fire insurance companies. It provides that claims against companies for loss by fire shall be payable ten days after the company has been given notice of the losses. If the claim is not paid in that length of time the insured may resume business and the company must pay 8 per cent interest from the time of the loss. In cases of great conflagrations the companies are allowed to go before a court and make a showing that it is hard or impossible to pay so promptly and the court may allow 90 days for settlement.

### New Rules for Public Administrators.

Jefferson City.—The senate has engrossed ten bills to amend the law relating to the administration of estates. Part are by Greene of Kansas City and part of them by Krone of St. Louis, but they all seek the same result. They reduce the time for settling estates to one year. The first settlement must be made in six months. Sales of real estate can be confirmed in the same term of court as they are made, and other similar changes are sought to be made.

Gov. Hadley and his staff refuse to ride Missouri mules in the inaugural parade at Washington.

### TO STOP TAX DODGERS.

The Kies Bill Will Probably Pass Legislature.

Jefferson City.—The bill by Representative Kies to increase the revenue by a better distribution of the burden of taxes will become a law, according to the belief of many of the members of the legislature. It is a step in the direction of a more honest enforcement of the revenue laws that most of the previous legislatures had not dared to make. This legislature may weaken, but it has the leadership of the administration and is urged on by the fact that the state must have more revenue, and if it does not get it one way the legislature must find another way. The corporations heretofore have stood in the way of this kind of legislation, but this time Gov. Hadley has told them to be thankful for small favors or they would not get even small ones.

The Kies bill provides simply that all assessors must value property at its cash market value. An assessor must make men swear to their property. Any person making a false statement is to be prosecuted.



Musical Note.—Signor Harmonetti is at Present Engaged in Composing a New Heir.

Professor Munyon has just issued a most beautiful, useful and complete Almanac; it contains not only all the scientific information concerning the moon's phases, in all the latitudes, but has illustrated articles on how to read character by phrenology, palmistry and birth month. It also tells all about card reading, birth stones and their meaning, and gives the interpretation of dreams. It teaches beauty culture, manicuring, gives weights and measures, and antidotes for poison. In fact, it is a Magazine Almanac, that not only gives valuable information, but will afford much amusement for every member of the family, especially for parties and evening entertainments. Farmers and people in the rural districts will find this Almanac almost invaluable.

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Early Morning Poems.  
"Why, Hiram," began Mrs. Dusenbery, glancing up from her favorite newspaper at her husband on the opposite side of the table, "did you ever hear of such a thing? Here is a piece about a man who writes four magazine poems every morning before breakfast. Must be quite a strain on him to do all that writing on an empty stomach. Don't you think so, Hiram?"  
"Well, I dunno about that," responded Hiram dryly. "I reckon a man wouldn't have such a terrible strain on him writin' the sort of magazine pomes we run across nowadays with his stomach an' head both empty!"

Invention of Porcelain.  
At a display of porcelain in China an exhibitor said that Chinese literature ascribes the invention of porcelain to a period some 25 centuries before Christ. Foreign experts are by no means certain that the art existed before the seventh century of this era.

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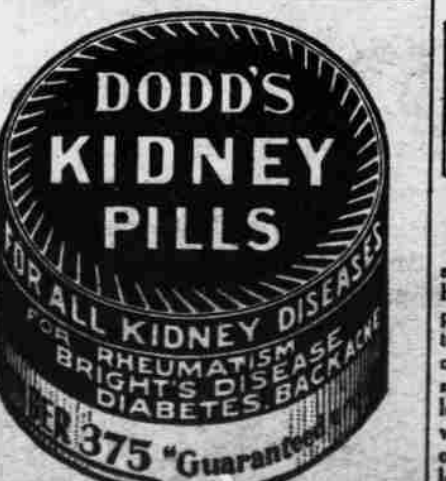
Even when the gates of prayer are shut the gates of tears are open.—Hebrew proverb.

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Margaret Was Logical.  
One afternoon I overheard my two children talking about the Sunday school lesson.

Dick, who was much smaller than Margaret, believed all she said about it. So he asked her what God looked like, and she quickly answered: "God looks like a stalk of corn, because mamma said he had ears on all sides, and a stalk of corn is the only thing I know that has ears on all sides."—Delineator.

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